*213. [*Transferred to the 16 December, 1985*].

Setting up of 100 per cent export oriented units

*214. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the scheme regarding setting up of 100 per cent export-oriented units which started in 1981 has failed to make any impact on the economy and that number of approved units have already withdrawn from the scheme and that some more units are opting out;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) As on the 15th September, 1985, 453 units approved under the Scheme of 100 per cent export-oriented units held valid approval letters. 80 such units were reported to be in production and their estimated exports since inception of the Scheme in 1981 upto June, 1985, were of the order of Rs. 254 crores.

Certain approved units have requested for permission to get debonded from the Scheme on various grounds like break-down of their collaboration agreements for buy-back, etc. Requests for debonding are considered on merit, keeping, *inter alia*, in view of the facilities already utilised by the units.

Robbery in the Canara Bank

*215. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 4 lakhs of rupees were looted from the Canara Bank branch at South Extension Part-II, New Delhi on the 12th November, 1985; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the culprits have since been apprehended;

(c) whether there had earlier also been a spate of bank robberies in the Capital, such as the one in Safdarjung Enclave; and

(d) what are the reasons for not setting up any Banking Securiy Force as a regular measure to guard the banks both during the day and night not only in the Capital but also in other places in view of the high incidence of bank robberies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Canara Bank has reported an incident of burglary at its South Extension Part II, New Delhi branch involving a loss of Rs. 3,25,200/-. According to the bank, when the bank officials tried to open the door of the bangk at 9.00 AM on 13th November, 1985, after the bank closed at 5.00 PM on 10th November, 1985 and observed the weekly off on 11th November and a holiday on 12th November, 1985, the door did not give way as it had been locked from inside. The officials became suspicious and contacted the local police patrol They later entered the building along with police and found that grill of the rear window on the ground floor had been cut open. On moving to mezanine floor, they noticed that a hole had been made tocut open the strong room door. After entering the strong room, they noticed that the storwel containing cash had been cut open by gas torch and the cash had been taken away. The bank has lodged an FIR with the local Police and the investigations are in progress. No arrests have been made so far.

(c) During the period 1.1.85 to 31.10.85, a total of seven bank robberies including one at the Indian Bank's Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi branch on 4th October.1985 have been reported by the Public Banks in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(d) The question of organising a Banks' Security Force under the Central Industrial Security Force Act was examined

by a Committee set up by the Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Taking into consideration the special features of security cover to be provided to banks and the technical and operational requirements of the Central Industrial Security Force, the Committee came to the conclusion that the CISF Act will not meet he requirements of banking establishments. The Committee also considered the proposition of raising an All India Bank Security Force on the lines of paramilitary organisations working under the control of Ministry of Home Affairs but did not find the proposition workable because of practical difficulties in organising, operating and mantaining such a force with the required degree of control and discipline in view of the wide spread branch net work and requirement of personnel in ones and twos.

Affairs of Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur

*216. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in Alloy Steels Plant in Durgapur was disrupted for a number of days recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the loss incurred by the plant due to disruption in production;

(d) what steps Government have taken to restore production expeditiously;

(e) whether it is also a fact that an agreement was arrived at between the management and the labour union to end the disruption in production; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bearing in mind the existing level of manning and the need to contain the man power cost the management of Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur, wanted to operate the expansion phase of the plant by partial redeployment of existing manpower. The workers, except those belonging to INTUC, were opposed to such redeployment and disrupted the production from 3.10.1985 to 29.10.1985.

(c) The losses incurred by the plant due to disruption in production are given below:—

(1) Production loss (saleable steel) —5492 tonnes

(2) Value of production loss —Rs. 9.80 crores (approximately)

(3) Mandays loss—76010

(d) Intensive discussions at various levels were held to sort out the problem. The production in Alloy Steels Plant was resumed with effect from 30-10-1985.

(e) and (f) Following discussions between the unions, an understanding was arrived at on 29.10.1985 that work at All Steel Plant would start at 6 A.M. on 30.10.1985. It was agreed between the management and the representatives of the unions that specific problems, if any, arising out of redeployment would be sorted out through discussion in joint meetings.

Scheme to reward Officers and Staff of Income Tax Department

*217. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed a new scheme for grant of rewards to officers and staff of the Income Tax Department as an incentive to unearth tax evasion and improve the quality of assessment work; and

(b) if so, what are the highlights and the details of the scheme and by when it is likely to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme for grant of reward to officers and staff in the Income-tax Depart-